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May 16, 2006

Southern California Association of Governments
818 W. 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA
Attn: Conformity Working Group c/o Jonathan Nadler
(electronic transmittal)

Dear Mr. Nadler:

The Department of Transportation is requesting Interagency Consultation to consider the modeling of a project that is (1) not currently identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and (2) partially funded. Environmental approval is scheduled for September, 2007. This exception is requested in order to avoid the loss of federal demonstration dollars associated with the project. The project is described in the attached fact sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact Leann Williams by telephone 213 897-0101 or at leann-williams@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES J. McCARTHY, Chief
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I-5 THREE PHASED HOV AND/OR TRUCK LANE PROJECT

Project Location: Los Angeles County
Santa Clarita

Project Description: Route 5/14 Interchange to Route 126
HOV Lane or Truck Lane Improvement

Phase I (Environmental document approval by September 2007)

Truck Lane S/B
Between Pico Canyon to I-5/SR-14 Interchange

Funding:\$1.5 million private funds

Phase II (Environmental document approval by September 2007)

Widen from 4 to 5 lanes for HOV extension (distance of 1.4 miles)
Between SR-14 and Weldon Canyon

Funding:\$6.7 million private funds

Phase III

Add 1 HOV lane in each direction
Between SR-14 to Route 126/I-5
Add Truck Lane S/B & N/B
Between I-5/SR-14 to Pico Canyon

Lead Agency: Caltrans

Current Status: Project was submitted to MTA in fall, 2005 for submittal to SCAG for inclusion in the 2006 TIP; project was rejected due to:

- Project is not currently identified in the 2004 RTP
- Project is not fully funded (\$1.6 million dollars associated with project for environmental, PAED and design only)

Issues: Project not currently identified in RTP or TIP but needs to be for environmental approval

Requested Action: Request to amend the RTP and TIP to reflect the project and project schedule